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CONFIRMATION CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following foreign application filed in the following foreign country and priority provided in the 35 USC §119 have been claimed for the above-identified application:

**JAPANESE PATENT APPLICATION NO. 02-212537
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**JAPANESE PATENT APPLICATION NO. 02-285006
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**JAPANESE PATENT APPLICATION NO. 03-044798
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Certified copies of these priority documents were filed on February 6, 1992 in parent application serial no. 07/740,629 filed August 5, 1991 (USPN 5,235,581, issued August 10, 1993), and acknowledged by the Patent Office in paper no. 4 (mailed August 17, 1992) of the parent application.

It is requested that the file of this application be marked to indicate that the requirements of 35 USC §119 have been fulfilled and that the Patent and Trademark Office kindly acknowledge receipt of these papers.

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